

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Wednesday, November 20, 1745.

From Wye's Letter, London, Nov. 14.

THIS Day his Majesty went, with the usual State, to the House of Peers, and gave the Royal Assent to the Bill to raise the Militia, altho' the Month's Pay formerly advanced has not been paid, and to raise such part of it as shall be judged most proper and convenient.

A Commission for the Peace is passed the Seals for the County of Oxford.

The House of Lords is adjourned till Monday next.

'Tis said, both Houses will adjourn in about 10 Days, till after Christmas.

From the London Evening Post, Nov. 14.

Extract of a Letter from Venice, Oct. 29.

We have certain Intelligence from Constantinople, that the Intrigues which have been carrying on there for many Years, and which had like to have been conducted to a Point, in case either a Peace could have been made with the Shah Nadir, or the War carried on against him with Success, are entirely defeated by the late Overthrow of the Turkish Army; which in part is ascribed to the not sending the Seraskier the Reinforcements that were promised him, but keeping them in Europe, with a View to have made a sudden Irruption into Transilvania, where there are very few regular Troops at present. We are likewise informed, that the Pretence for this Invasion was to have been the supporting, in conjunction with that other Power, the Freedom of the German Empire, under colour of the late Election's being brought about by Force. There are said to be some other extraordinary Circumstances attending this Intrigue which will be disclosed in a very short Time; for upon the News of the Defeat of the Seraskier and his Army, the Divan entered into Resolutions of quite another kind, and in spite of all the Opposition that could be made by the Partizans of Bashaw Bonneval, have resolved to send an Officer of great Distinction to Vienna, to compliment their Imperial Majesties upon their Accession, and to assure them of the Satisfaction the Ottoman Porte takes therein. It is also pretended, that some Discoveries have been made of French Officers in Shah Nadir's Army, which has given great Dislike to the Turks, who are jealous of their having been betrayed in this War, and particularly in this last Action, in which they have suffered much more than was at first apprehended, having lost, besides their General, 46,000 Men in the Field and in the Pursuit. It is however reported at Constantinople, that the Shah Nadir has again offered to treat, the Affairs of his Empire being in great Distraction, and those of his Court and Family not a little confused.

LONDON, Nov. 14.

There are Advices from Persia, by the Way of Petersburg, which mentioned a new Negotiation for Peace between the Shah Nadir and the Grand Signor; by which the former is to have Bagdat and Bassora, and the Trade between the two Empires is to be restored as before the War begun; which Piece of News, however, stands in need of Confirmation.

On Tuesday was launched, at Mr. Bird's Dock, at Deptford, a Packet-boat, intended to go between Falmouth and the Sugar Islands, and called the Countess of Leicester, at which were present Sir Everard Faulkner, and several Persons of Distinction; the Command of her is given to Capt. Harman, many Years in the West-India Trade. She is esteemed to be finely contrived, as well for Sailing as Accommodation.

To-morrow will be launched from the same Yard the Faulkner Packet, designed for the same Station; the Command of which will be given to Capt. Edward Lee.

We hear that Admiral Townshend, with one Eighty-Gun Ship, five Seventy-Gun Ships, four Sixty and Fifty-Gun Ships, besides Frigates, is sailed from one of the Leeward Islands upon a secret Expedition, supposed against Porto-Rico or Martinico.

We are credibly informed, that tho' the Rebels, in their last Review before they marched Southward, were rather more in Number than has been commonly reported, those they call Cavalry were so few in proportion, and so indifferently mounted, that a few Squadrons of Dragoons and Light Horse, to attend upon and harass them in their March, would alone promise fair to put an End to their Progress.—We are not to judge of the Service such Troops might be of, from what lately happened in the Action at Preston; as indeed nothing in that unfortunate Affair, but the Bravery of Colonel Gardner, should be ever quoted in Precedent.

From the St. James's Evening Post, Nov. 12.

Bristol, Nov. 9. We have the following Account of our fine Privateer the Bristol, being taken by a French Man of War of 60 Guns, called the Elizabeth, the same which engaged the Lion Man of War, Capt. Brett, six Hours;

On Friday the 18th of October, as we were cruising in Lat. 49. we espied 6 Sail of Ships, which we took to be a Fleet of Martinico Men, and concluded we had now met with an Opportunity of making ourselves Amends for the bad Success we had hitherto met with in our Cruise; accordingly we gave Chace, and in about 6 Hours came up with them, and made up to the biggest Ship; but it being foggy Weather, could not discern our Mistake till we engaged; when, instead of being a Martinico Ship, as we took her to be, she proved to be the Elizabeth Man of War, with 5 Transports

under her Convoy, bound to, Scotland, with Men, Arms, Ammunition and Money, for the Assistance of the Rebels; however, we were resolved to engage her, which we did for an Hour and half, and did not submit till we had 4 Foot of Water in the Hold, occasioned by a Shot from the Man of War betwixt Wind and Water; we had 7 Men killed and 6 wounded, and were carried into Brest. The Captain of the Elizabeth was put into Prison for leaving the Convoy, which we hope some of our Men of War will have the good Fortune to meet with.

LONDON, Nov. 14.

On the 3d inst. came in from a Cruise the Alexander Privateer, Capt. Philips, without a Prize. He left the Duke of Marlborough Privateer of this Port well at Sea, the 23d of October, who in her Cruise attacked a French Man of War of 70 Guns, without Masts; but receiving a 24 Pounder in one of her Masts, from the Frenchman's Stern-Chace, obliged her to sheer off.

By Capt. Ross, Commander of the Lady Mary, from Amsterdam, arrived in the River, we have Advice, that a French Privateer of 36 Guns, and near 200 Men, was put into the Texel, having had a smart Engagement with three Colliers, one of which was boarded by a great Number of the Privateer's Crew; they seeing no Body, on board, the Collier's People having concealed themselves under Deck, blew up the upper Deck with all the Frenchmen, and the Privateer itself narrowly escaped being taken by them.

The Dragon, Westwood, from Plymouth to Dantzick, is taken by a French Privateer and carried into Dunkirk.

The Two Friends, Carr, from South-Carolina for London, is retaken from the French by a New England Privateer, and carried into Cape Breton.

On Sunday last sailed from Portsmouth his Majesty's Ship Kinsale, Capt. Loftus, with a large Fleet of Store Ships under his Command, for Cape Breton.

The Enterprize, from Guernsey for the West Indies, is lost in her Passage; the Captain, with part of the Crew, are saved.

We have also Advice of the Dirna, Antice, from Bristol for Newfoundland, being taken and carried into Brest.

Last Saturday 3000 Muskets in 62 Chests, 6 Tons and a half of Gunpowder, and 12 Drums with their Furniture, consign'd to the Duke of Argyll or Major General Campbell, were shipp'd on board the Chandos Tender, Capt. Anderson, at the Tower, which is ordered to sail to Clyde in Scotland with all Expedition.

Sunday Morning a large Draught was made out of the Guards on the Parade in St. James's Park, in order to augment the Forces that are drawing together in Leicestershire and Northamptonshire, which are to march towards the County of Lancashire with all Expedition.

The E. of — is, 'tis said, made High Admiral of England by the Pretender, and hoisted his Flag on board a Ship at Dunkirk as such. This Gentleman, if we may so call him, has been a Commander of one of his Majesty's Ships.

The Right Hon. the Marquis of Granby is rechosen without Opposition for Grantham.

On Saturday the Hon. William Mountagu, Esq; Captain of the Prince Edward Man of War, was elected at Huntingdon, without Opposition, Knight of the Shire for that County, in the room of William Mitchell, Esq; deceased.

On Saturday last a Grant passed the Great Seal unto Claudius Amyand, Esq; of the Office of Keeper to his Majesty's Libraries in England, in the room of Richard Bently, Esq;

Richard Herbert, Esq; is rechosen Member of Parliament for the Borough of Ludlow in the County of Salop.

We hear that there is a strong Opposition at Oxford for a Member of Parliament to represent that University, in the room of Dr. Butler, deceased.

A List of the Forces and Commanders marching down towards Lancashire.

Lieut. Generals	{ Legonier, Chief Commander. Richmond. St. Clair.
Major Generals	{ Skelton. Bland. Sempill.
Brigadiers	{ Bligh. Douglas.
Artillery	{ Leslie, Bernard and Roper, Brigade Majors; 30 Pieces of Cannon, six and three Pounders. Howard, Major General of the Foot. Sowle.
Old Foot	{ Johnson. Douglas. Sempill. Bligh. Skelton.
Bland's Dragoons; and it is supposed four Troops of Legonier's Horse,	
New Foot	{ Gower's. Montagu's. Hallifax. Granby. Cholmondeley.
New Horse.	{ Montagu's. Kingston.

All which Forces amount to 8250 Foot, and 2200 Horse.

According to some private Letters from Turin, the Governor of the Citadel of Alexandria, who had Leave given him to retire out of that Fortrefs, on account of his ill State of Health, is since dead; and his Sardinian Majesty has thought fit to appoint the Marquis de Palavicini to succeed him in the Command of that important Place; of which he is immediately to take Possession.

They write from Francfort, that the Austrian Hussars and Irregulars came so early to Mutterstadt, that they saw the last Corps of the French Troops at a very small Distance from the Town, and made Prize of a large Quantity of Burgundy, Champaign, dried Tongues, and other Refreshments, that the Servants were putting up in Carriages when they arrived, as also a part of their Baggage.

From Vienna, that after a long Conference held in the Presence of her Imperial Majesty, a Resolution was taken to stop the March of 10,000 Men from the Army on the Rhine, to that of Pr. Charles: and Directions were accordingly sent for that Corps of Troops to halt in the Neighbourhood of Egra till farther Orders; and it is thought the like Directions will be given as to the Irregulars who were marching through Tyrol.

The last Letters from Italy say, that the Infant Don Philip has issued Commissions for raising 10,000 Men in the Dutchies of Parma and Placentia, with a Promise that they shall not be employed otherwise than in the Defence of their Country.

On Monday last a Gentleman in foreign Service, who takes upon him the Title of Count Cockane, was committed to New-Prison, upon the Evidence of several reputable Persons, by Sir Thomas De Veil, and Edward Aske, Esq; for speaking very disrespectful Words of his Majesty King George.

On Tuesday Night last Thirteen Cows belonging to a Dairy-man in Oxford-Road, died of the Distemper that at present rages amongst the Cattle.

We are certainly informed from Ware in Hertfordshire, that from one united Collection made through the Town for the County Association, there amounted 170 l. of which 110 l. were subscribed by the Protestant Dissenters.

There is Advice from the North, That a Party of Dragoons fell in with the Advanced Guard of the Pretender, consisting of some Thousands, near Wollar, and entirely defeated them.

Newcastle, Nov. 9. Yesterday Count Maurice of Nassau, accompanied by Field Marshal General Wade, and a great Number of other General Officers, reviewed the King's Forces now encamped on the Town-Moor of Newcastle, where the Army was drawn up in order of Battle, consisting of two grand Lines, each three Men deep, and near two Miles long, with their Officers standing at the Head of each Regiment, and the Train of Artillery properly disposed. The whole made the most grand and delightful Appearance that the Eyes of a true Englishman, and faithful Subject, could behold in the present Conjunction.

Durham, Nov. 10. *It is just now currently reported, that 400 of the Rebels have attacked Carlisle; and that most of them have been either killed or taken Prisoners by the Garrison.*

To-morrow the whole Army at Newcastle, consisting of 20 Battalions, will be reviewed by Marshal Wade.

Extract of a Letter from Lancaster, Nov. 10.

We are assured, that the Contents of the Letter received by the Mayor and Corporation of Lancaster, from General Wade, dated Newcastle, Nov. 6. was to the following Effect:

'I am obliged to you for the Intelligence from Dumfries, altho' I had received the same, Word for Word, from Carlisle. — I never doubted of your shewing the commendable Zeal you have done on this important Occasion, and think you have acted very prudently in the Resolution to ship off your Guns and warlike Stores, if the Rebels approach you; for if the main Body should venture to march into Lancaster, it will be

'impossible for you in your present Situation to repel their Force, if by quick Marches they should enter your Country. I purpose to come to your Assistance by the first Way that is practicable for the Artillery to pass, which I am told is from some Part of Yorkshire.

'What I would advise you to is, that if you have any armed Forces, as most other Counties have, to make Use of them by **** (*We think it not decent or proper for to mention in a News-paper the Directions given, by that experienced and brave General*) ****. It is my Opinion, that the farther the Rebels penetrate into England, the more certain will be their Destruction, tho' Particulars may suffer by their bold Attempt.'

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The Conditions proposed for raising a thousand Men, to which Mr. Bradshaw's Report, inserted in our last, refers, and which it would seem meets with Difficulties, even in the great and loyal City of London.

CONDITIONS.

That every Subscriber be at Liberty to subscribe what Sum he pleases.

That they be permitted to subscribe in such Coffee-houses as they please; but shall have no Vote for Managers, but where they shall subscribe.

That Subscription-Books be open'd on Tuesday Morning next, and clos'd the Saturday following, at 6 o'clock, at which Time three Managers shall be chosen by Ballot by the Subscribers that shall be then present, for the three Wards that shall be written on the Cover of the Subscription-Book, beginning with the first written Ward, and so on.

That the Managers so chosen shall sign and seal up the Books, which shall be delivered to some one of them, who shall bring it to the Crown Tavern in Threadneedle-Street, at 11 o'clock the Monday Morning following, where the whole Managers are to meet, at which Time the Books shall be opened, and the Sums cast up that have been subscribed by the Inhabitants of the several Wards of this City; and if a greater Sum be subscribed than shall be found requisite to cloath and pay one thousand Men and proper Officers for one Year, according to the Estimate annex'd, the Managers shall make a Demand on the Subscribers for such Proportion only of what has been subscribed as shall be sufficient, which, when received by them, shall be deposited in the Bank, and that they then shall apply to his Majesty for Leave to raise such Men, and to name proper Officers.

That the Managers, or a Majority of them, appoint a

Paymaster, and fix a Salary; and also a Person proper to contract for, and deliver the Cloathing.

That a Warrant be sign'd by at least thirteen of the Managers on the 27th of every Month, by which the Paymaster may receive the monthly Pay from the Bank, which he shall pay to the Troops on the 30th.

An Estimate of the Charge for one Month of one thousand Men, to be raised for his Majesty's Service, to be under Military Discipline, and to be employed where his Majesty shall think proper.

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A thousand Men at 18 d. per Day, is per Month,	2250
Two Colonels, at 24 s. ditto,	72
Two Lieutenant-Colonels, at 17 s. ditto,	51
Two Majors, at 15 s. ditto,	45
Twenty Captains, at 10 s. ditto,	300
Twenty Lieutenants, at 4 s. 8 d. ditto,	140
Twenty Ensigns, at 3 s. 8 d. ditto,	140
Two Adjutants, at 4 s. ditto,	12
To make good the Difference between the Pay of Serjeants, Corporals, Drummers, and private Men,	45

Total per Month, 3025

EDINBURGH, November 20.

We have certain Advice, that on Friday Morning last the Highland Army made themselves Master of the strong and important City of Carlisle, though it had the whole Militia of Cumberland and Westmoreland in Garrison, besides some regular Troops. Accounts vary as to the Particulars of that Affair.

We hear that there are several Parties of Highlanders in Fyfe, collecting the Cess and other publick Burdens. 'Tis said, the Tryal Sloop of War is cast away on the Coast of Northumberland.

To the Author of the Caledonian Mercury.

Please give what follows a Place in your Paper.

SIR

I have lately perused to my no small Edification a great many learned Tracts against the Superstitions of Popery, both in the publick Prints and separate Papers, and am glad to see so laudable a Zeal and Warmth for the Protestant Christian Religion prevail at this critical Juncture; and in an Age that has produced so many Deists, Scepticks, Socinians, Stoick Philosophers, and Freethinkers of different Kinds.

But one Error I perceive runs through the whole of these Dissertations, and that is, that we either impute Doctrines to the Papists which they absolutely deny, such as their not being obliged to keep Faith with Heretics, and their Enmity to Kings of a different Religion; or we attack them on Points to which they have a plausible and ready Answer, such as the Absurdity of Transubstantiation: They answer, Consubstantiation held by some Protestants is as absurd, and the Doctrines of the Trinity and Incarnation, as unconceivable. Do we charge them with the Infallibility of their Church?

They answer, your Church is in Effect as infallible, for it never acknowledged it was in the wrong, and perhaps never will. We charge them with superstitious Pilgrimages to the Shrines of particular Saints. They answer that distant Pilgrimages to hear popular Men preach, is as superstitious. Do they publish lying Miracles and Prophecies? You do the same, witness Cotton Mather's Account of God's Dispensations, the Prophecies of Knox, Welsh, Pedan, &c. and other Books of the same kind. This Way of arguing with them only makes them more tenacious of their Opinions, and exposes weak People to be deluded by their fallacious Arguments.

But their weak Side which I would recommend them to be attacked upon, is, The Dominion they have usurped over Mens Consciences, so as to pretend to think for them in Matters Civil as well as Ecclesiastical, and the great Authority of their Priests over the Vulgar; so that they can make them believe Black is white, or white black, and their intermeddling in secular Affairs and Politicks, which surely has no Concern with their Function. I am, &c.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

¶ That there was left, about the End of October last, in or about Bathgate, in West Lothian, a MARE betwixt 12 and 13 Hands high, 5 Years old, half bred, of the Running Kind, and of a light sandy Colour, by some of the Highland Army. Any Person who can prove their Property of the said Mare, may call at Normand Macfarlane in Bathgate, who will inform where she is to be found, and upon Payment of the Charge of Maintenance and Advertising, she will be delivered up to the Proprietor: And if she be not called for betwixt and the 10th of December next, she will be sold by publick Roup in Presence of the Clerk of Bathgate, in order to defray the above Charge; and if there is any Overplus, the same will be lodged in the Clerk's Hands.

Strayed or stolen from Mr. Douglas of Southside his House nigh Dalkeith,

A large blue and white freckled SETTING DOG, very Bold-backed, and somewhat Bull-headed, with clouded Ears, answering to the Name of Captain. Whoever returns him to Mr. John Blair, at John's Coffee-house, Edinburgh, shall have a Guinea Reward, and no Questions asked.

¶ The Professors of the University of Edinburgh are to begin their Colleges in the different Sciences on Thursday the 21st of November instant.

¶ Mr. KENNETH MACKENZIE Advocate, Professor of CIVIL LAW, begins his Colleges on the *Institutions* and *Pandects*, at his House in the New Assembly-Close, on Thursday the 21st of November instant.

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